MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*c*) of interpellation No. 84 by Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Selection of Members for Examiners' Boards.

113. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the basis on which the members of the Board of Examiners of the School Final Examination were selected ;

(*b*) whether there are members to represent all important subjects for the examination, and, if so, whether they will lay on the table a list showing the names of the members and the several subjects they represent ; and

(*c*) why no selection has been made from an important educational institution, like the Arts College, Trivandrum ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Board of Examiners is composed of the three chief Inspecting officers and six other members, of whom one is the Chairman of the Board. These 6 members are chosen from among Professors of colleges, Headmasters of High Schools and other prominent educationists, regard being had to a proper representation of the various subjects and the fitness of the persons for the work for which they are appointed.

(*b*) Yes. The members and the subjects they represent are :—

Chairman.—(1). Mr. C. V. Chandrasekaran, M. A., (Oxon)—History and English.

Members.—(1). Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar, M. A.,—Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

(2). Mr. A. M. Varkey, M. A., B. L.,—English.

(3). ,, K. R. Krishna Pillai, B. A., B. L.,—Sanskrit and Malayalam.

(4). ,, K. P. Krishna Menon, B. A., L. T.,—Mathematics.

(5). ,, T. Lakshmana Pillai, B. A.,—Tamil.

Ex-officio Members.

(6). Mr. O. M. Cheriyan, B. A., L. T.,—All subjects for the V. S. L. C and V. H. Examinations.

(7). Mr. U. Ramakrishna Kukillaya, B. A., L. T.,—All subjects for the E. S. L. C. Examination.

(8). Miss E. C. Carrapiett, M. A., L. T.,—English, Needle-work, etc.

(*c*) It is not practicable to make the Board representative of all the educational institutions in the State.

Encouragement to Nairs in Trade and Industries.

114. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (1) With reference to the answer to question No. 343, given on the

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[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

23rd April 1926, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Nairs were not suffering from disability and lack of opportunity for engaging themselves in trade and industries, owing to the fact that they had generally no individual financial credit, because of the impartibility of *tarwads* brought about by courts of law, which prevailed in full force until recently, and which still prevails to some extent, that compulsory military service was required of them by the Government in former times, and that they were required to work as Government servants and Palace servants from time immemorial?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to reconsider the matter of giving special encouragement to the Nairs in commerce and industries in view of the facts referred to above?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The answers are in the negative.

Sale of Salt in the Port Salt Depôt.

115. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the letter that appeared in the *Trivandrum Daily News*, dated the 2nd October 1926, under the caption "Sale of salt in the Port Salt Depot";

(*b*) the names of the parties to whom salt was sold from the Trivandrum Port Salt Depot from the 1st Chingam to the 15th Kanni 1101, and the quantity sold to each; and

(*c*) the names of the parties to whom salt was sold from the Trivandrum Port Salt Depot from the 1st Chingam to the 15th Kanni 1102, and the quantity sold to each?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) *Name.*	*Quantity.*
Oosman, Vallakkadavu.	2,200 maunds.
Abdulla Sait, Chalay.	100 do.
Central Prison authorities.	16 do.
Saith Cannoo, Vallakkadavu.	400 do.
Abdulla Sait, do.	200 do.

(*c*) *Name.*	*Quantity.*
Central Prison.	16 maunds.
Agrasala.	96 do.
Fish Curing yard.	200 do.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): From the answer to parts (*b*) and (*c*) I see that, while 2916 maunds of salt were sold between the 1st Chingam and the 15th Kanni 1101, only 312 maunds have been sold between the said dates in 1102. May I know from the Government the reason for this huge fall in the sale of salt?

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